

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

SB 143 – HB 282

March 18, 2013

SUMMARY OF ORIGINAL BILL: Requires a regional transportation authority to include a cost estimate and an estimated time schedule for delivery of any proposed rail transit services when developing a plan for the operation and expansion of mass transit services in the authority's region.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (003238): Deletes all language after the enacting clause. Deletes the prohibition for any for-profit owners of rail lines or rail line rights-of-way to deny access to, trackage rights on, or use of rail lines or rail line rights-of-way for the operation of a regional transportation authority commuter rail operation based upon any criteria attributable to tort liability. Deletes the prohibition for such owners to subject or require the regional transportation authority to provide any tort liability protection, insurance, or coverage as part of acquiring access to, tracking rights on, or use of rail lines owned by such a for-profit.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

Unchanged from the original fiscal note.

Assumption for the bill as amended:

- Deleting the current prohibitions on for-profit owners of rail lines or rail line rights-of-way will not result in a significant fiscal impact on state or local governments.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lucian D. Geise". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Lucian" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Geise".

Lucian D. Geise, Executive Director

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